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1882 - 1942



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in Petrolia



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Christ Church, Petrolia

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The Right Reverend C. A. Seager, M.A., D.D., LL.D.

# In Appreciation



We wish to draw the attention of our readers to the advertisements in this booklet. Those merchants and manufacturers who so kindly took space have made the printing possible. Without their assistance we could not have issued this brief history. The expense of making the cuts has been considerable in addition to the cost of the printing and the high quality paper. So we commend to your favorable consideration all those loyal merchants of Petrolia who have in these pages congratulated us on our sixtieth anniversary. We thank them for their good wishes and trust they may be blessed with increasing prosperity.



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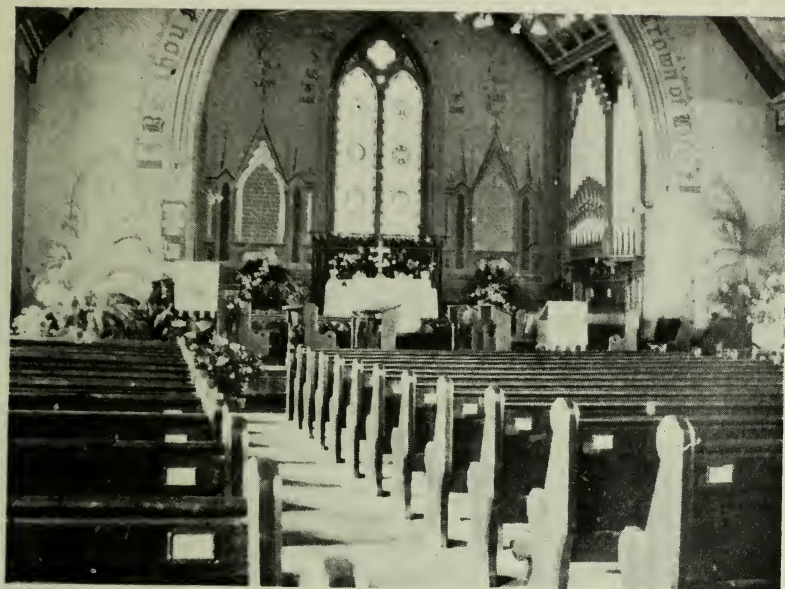
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SIXTIETH ANNIVERSARY

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CHRIST CHURCH, PETROLIA





Interior of Church prior to 1907



Present interior with centre aisle installed

# Dedication Prayer

O GOD, who hast built the living temple of Thy church upon the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone; we thine unworthy servants praise and glorify thy Holy Name for the ministrations of the same in our parish during the past sixty years.

Bless and sanctify, we pray Thee, by Thy Holy Spirit, whatsoever efforts may be made at this time to commemorate the labors of thy servants who have finished their course and kept the faith, and grant unto us thy people, grace to labor faithfully and diligently for the extension of thy Kingdom here on earth and daily make us all more meet for the eternal tabernacle of thy rest in the heavens; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with Thee, O Father, and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.



## Roll of Honor

List of those members who served in the Great War as inscribed on the brass plaque on the north wall.

1914-1918

Dedicated by the Church to the memory of those who served King and Country in the Great War.

### OUR HEROIC DEAD

Fisher, Francis Eugene.

Gillespie, James.

### OUR VALIANT LIVING

Archer, E. George.	Ellacott, Lorne.	McIntosh, Fred'k W.
Bullen, E. H.	Fairbank, Charles O.	Noble, Ernest A.
Balls, William J.	Fowler, Jordan M.	Prevett, William H.
Chenney, James A. B.	Gillespie, Joseph.	Pollard, Franklin.
Crooks, James.	Gillespie, Charles.	Russell, Frederick J.
Chenney, John E.	Hartley, W. Almonte.	Stevens, Walter A.
Cairns, Robert.	Jackson, Edgar H.	Stevens, Hubert.
Craig, W. B. S.	Long, Harry.	Stone, Alfred W.
Dunfield, John D.	Lucas, George P.	Spencer, William.
Dunfield, Charles F.	Moncrieff, George G.	Turnbull, P. H.
Dagley, Harry.	Moncrieff, C. C.	Whittle, William.
Egan, J. Harold.	Marshall, Edward J.	Wilson, C. Arthur.
Egan, Charles M.	Macalpine, Ken. G.	Wilson, William H.
Eastman, Jack.		

"Their name liveth for evermore."

List of those members on active service, according to our available records up to September 30, 1942:

Bolton, Frank.	Jackson, Harold.	Rippin, Ray.
Bolton, Howard.	Knight, Samuel.	Rippin, Reginald.
Burgess, Jack.	Knight, William.	Scott, Stanley.
Burgess, Fred.	Knight, Wilbert.	Smith, Walter.
Chivers, Albert.	McKittrick, Betty.	Stothers, David.
*Collier, Cleve.	Paisley, Fred.	Stothers, Edward.
*Corey, Lt. Randolph.	Paisley, Frank.	†Stevenson, George.
Dale, Lt. John.	Parker, Eugene.	Taylor, Norman.
Dale, Miss Julia.	*Pash, Leslie.	*Tillett, Jack.
Goldsmith, Robert.	*Pash, Bert.	*Wallen, Lt. Charles.
*Hale, Edward.	*Pike, Sidney.	West, Chad.
*Hannon, Ray.	Prevett, William.	Winter, Charles.
Hewitt, Thomas.	Rayner, William.	Winter, Harold.
Jackson, Robert.	Rider, Capt. John.	
Jackson, Gordon.	Ringwood, John.	

\*Not in parish when enlisted.

†Deceased.

Besides these men of our parish, many veterans of that war have entered into the life of our Church since that time. Among these are Mr. Frank Bolton, a choir soloist in our church, who has enlisted for the second time, in the present war: Mr. R. A. S. Nash, one of the original Princess Pats, and a receiver of the Military Cross, is now the Rector's Warden; Mr. H. B. Newton, who has enlisted for the second time in His Majesty's service, now of the Reserve Army, has been a faithful attendant, coming from Oil Springs. He is an efficient Clerk of the Vestry and Sidesman of the Church.

### My Pledge

I pledge my life and honor  
To serve as best I can,  
My God, my King, my Country,  
And the Brotherhood of Man.

—Frederick George Scott.

O Almighty God, who art wiser than the children of men and overrulest all things to their good, hold we beseech Thee in Thy keeping all who have gone forth to battle from this Church; watch over those that are missing; comfort and protect those in the hands of the enemy. Be with them in the hour of danger, strengthen them in the hour of weakness, sustain and comfort them in the hour of sickness or of death.

Grant that they may be true to their calling and true always to Thee, and make both them and us to be strong to do our duty in Thy service, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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to Christ Church, Petrolia

IN CELEBRATING SIXTY  
YEARS OF FAITHFUL  
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# Christ Church History

**Interesting Facts of Anglican History as Gleaned From  
Local Records — First Organized Here in 1866 — Wor-  
shipped in Present Church Since 1882.**

This booklet commemorates the Sixtieth Anniversary of divine worship in the present church. In this connection it is interesting to note that some 16 years previous to the erection of this edifice an Anglican congregation was active in ministering to the religious needs of the young town of Petrolia and, as early as 1872 had erected their own place of worship west of Bear Creek.

In the year 1866, shortly after oil was first discovered in Petrolia, a small band of members of the Anglican faith arranged to hold services in the then growing oil town and a parish was arranged with Wyoming and Oil Springs. According to early records, the first Anglican service here was held in the barroom of the Old Fletcher Hotel which stood at the East End. The following Sunday, however, arrangements were made to hold the service in the public school which continued only for a couple of weeks. Through the kindness of the late J. H. Fairbank the congregation was invited to make use of the Fairbank Hall which stood on the north side of Petrolia street near the foot of the East End hill. Here worship was continued for a period of six years and, in 1872, the congregation had grown sufficiently strong to withdraw from that arrangement and form their own parish. In the same year the task of building a church for their own use was undertaken and successfully completed. This church was erected on Railroad Street and continued in use for ten years.

In 1882 the present beautiful edifice was erected under the leadership of the Rev. Wm. Hinde and has continued as a monument to the stout hearts and willing workers of that day. It was the first brick church to be built west of the flats and when erected had an imposing spire on the tower at the north-west corner. Early in the present cen-



tury this spire was taken down to house a beautifully toned set of chimes which ring out their message each Sabbath.

### Church Statistics

The church records are replete with interesting statistics of historical value to Petrolia and district. The first baptism recorded in the parish was that of Anna Louise Nelson, at Oil Springs on August 5th, 1866, while the first baptism in Petrolia took place on July 7th, 1867, when Frank Irvine received the sacrament. Both baptisms were performed by Rev. W. Brookman. The first baptisms in the present church were those of Edward Christopher Mackenzie and Henrietta Adelaide Rainsberry who were baptised by the Bishop of Huron on October 8th, 1882.

The first wedding in Petrolia under the Anglican ministry was on December 1st, 1867, when John Bolt and Jemima Boyce were united in marriage with Hon. E. H. Thompson and Mrs. W. Oliver as witnesses. The first wedding in the parish was that of Thomas Thorpe and Harriet Dolmon, the witnesses being Mr. and Mrs. Dale and Mrs. Gibson. This was performed on May 3rd, 1863. Humphrey Elliott and Ellen Rainsberry were the first couple married in the present church, the ceremony being performed by Rev. Hinde on October 28th, 1882. The witnesses at this ceremony were Andrew Elliott and Jane Harley.

The first funeral recorded in the parish was that of Huron Hope Fairbank on August 9th, 1868, with Rev. W. Brookman conducting the service. The first funeral services in the present church were those of Isaac Blossom Corey on August 29, 1882, and Noble Scott on October 17, 1882. The former service was conducted by Rev. C. T. Denroche and the latter by Rev. Wm. Hinde.

A confirmation class of 41 members is the first on record in Petrolia, the ceremony being in charge of Bishop Hellmuth. This was on March 14, 1880, and at the same time a class of 40 from Wyoming were confirmed. The members of the Petrolia class of that date are as follows: Charles Jenkins, Joseph Raisin, Mrs. Jos. Raisin, Susie Esdale, H. S. Van Alstine, Mrs. H. S. Van Alstine, Mrs. C. Denroche, Robert Caldwell, Mrs. Robt. Caldwell, Martha Whitaker, Louisa O'Neil, Harold Bray, Horace Bray, Edmund Hope, Sarah Shannon, Ella Cooley, Florence Oliver, Sarah Bolton, Mrs. J. Highman, Mrs. Jos. Hord, W. A. D. Fraser, Mrs. W. A. D. Fraser, Mrs. Egan, Mrs. Crysler, Mrs. Balls, Mrs. T. Corey, James Bolton, William Bolton, Mrs. R. Herring, Alice Errington, Mary Wallen, Mary J. Hodgson, May



A. Hodgson, Susan H. Preston, Mary Kate Preston, Eliza Ann Preston, Ellen Ann Rainsberry, Lilla H. Rainsberry, Annie Rainsberry, James Rainsberry and Nicolas Thomas Rainsberry.

The first class presented to Bishop Baldwin for confirmation in this church was composed of the following: Mrs. W. H. Hammond, Mrs. E. A. Archer, Chas. Ebbenbeck, Mrs. Chas. Ebbenbeck, Chas. Egan, Richard Borland, William Lowery, Minnie Thompson, Fanny Rutter, Mrs. Joseph Hodgson, Della Martin, Elizabeth Hinde, Mary H. Hinde, Dibbie Watson, Annie Hall, and Bessie Adams.

### Rectors of the Church

During the past 76 years that the Anglican Church has been organized here four Bishops have been in charge of the Diocese. Bishops Hellmuth, Baldwin and Williams have all passed to their reward while the present Bishop, Rt. Rev. C. A. Seager, conducted the opening services.

The following Rectors have ministered to the congregation since its inception:

- 1866-1871—Rev. W. Brookman.
- 1871-1872—Rev. W. H. Halpin.
- 1872-1875—Rev. Dr. Beaumont.
- 1875-1879—Rev. George Turnbull.
- 1879-1885—Rev. William Hinde.
- 1885-1886—Rev. E. D. Hutchinson.
- 1886-1887—Rev. Pierre De Lom.
- 1887-1888—Rev. C. O. O'Meara.
- 1887-1888—Rev. V. T. Rowe.
- 1888-1889—Rev. David Williams  
(later Archbishop Williams).
- 1889-1892—Rev. Robert McCosh.
- 1892-1911—Rev. Canon William Craig.
- 1911-1922—Rev. Canon W. T. Hill.
- 1922-1927—Rev. R. C. Pitts.
- 1927-1932—Rev. Hubbard Millar.

And Rev. Wilfred H. Robarts, the present Rector, who took charge of the parish in 1932, and whom we trust may long be spared as our spiritual advisor.

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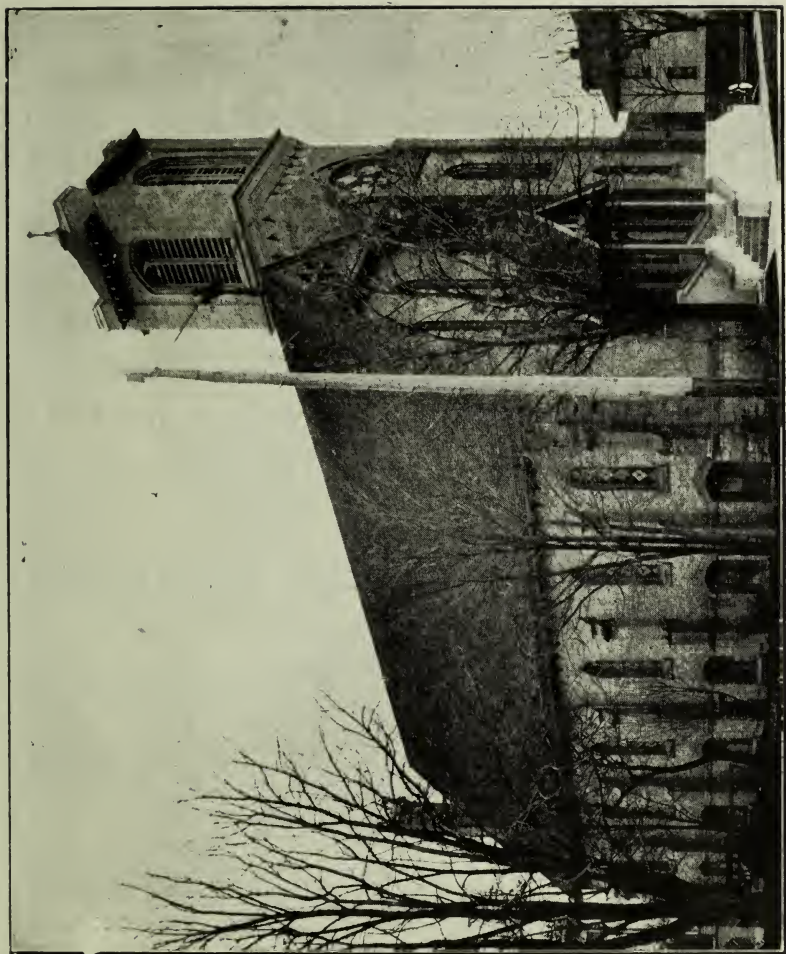
to Christ Church

on your Sixtieth Anniversary

## Petrolia Business College

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Church as it appears to-day

## Best Wishes

to Christ Church on their  
wonderful work, accom-  
plished in the past sixty  
years.

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Church, Petrolia, on their  
good work during the  
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to our town.

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Church his felicitations  
on attaining their 60th  
Anniversary

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Charles Jenkins

## A Great Churchman

CHARLES JENKINS was noted for his activities in local and general church work. He was acclaimed as one of the foremost laymen in the Canadian church.

This year the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the General Synod of which he has been called "the father," has been celebrated.

He was on various diocesan committees, also on the committees for Hymn book and Prayer book revision and on the board of the M.S.C.C.

He was a perennial delegate to Diocesan, Provincial and General Synods, as well as Lay reader, church warden and choir master at intervals at home.

As choir master he had a cheerful habit of stamping his foot none too gently, if the choir were not keeping time and some of the members found it a bit disconcerting to say the least. During one of his terms as church warden, a year or so after the church was opened he was counting the offertory in the vestry one Sunday evening.

The church was lit by oil lamps in those days and the sexton had to mount a tall stepladder in order to light and extinguish them. By some mischance or other the chandelier unscrewed and fell to the ground, breaking all the lamps and setting fire to the oil, as a consequence. Mr. Jenkins heard the crash and rushed from the vestry, tore off his rather voluminous frock coat and threw it on the blaze, then with the aid of some pew cushions smothered the flames.

Otherwise there might have been no celebration of this Sixtieth Anniversary.

Established 1866

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ON THEIR SIXTIETH ANNIVERSARY



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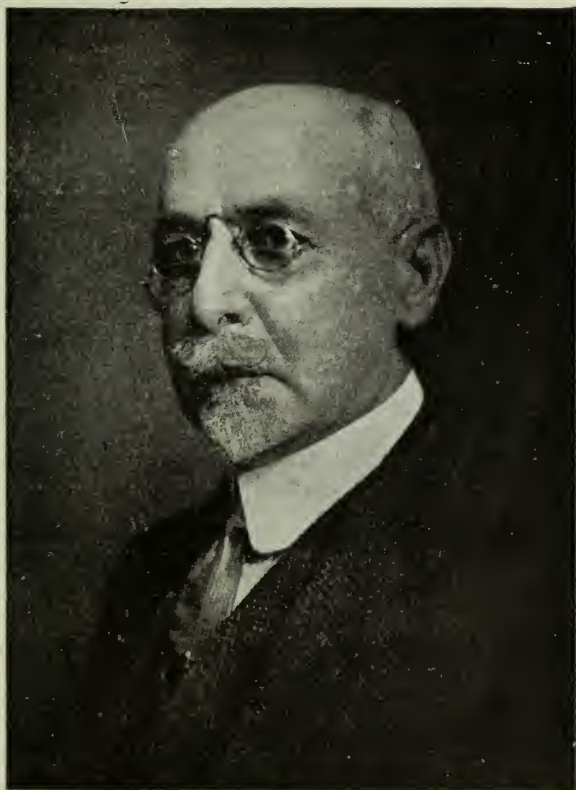
### Best Wishes

on the Sixtieth Anniversary of Christ Church, Petrolia

## Recalls Early Services

The following article, written by Mrs. F. C. Fisher, on the early days of the present Anglican Church here, is particularly appropriate at this time when the members of Christ Church are celebrating the 60th anniversary of the erection of their church:

Sixty years ago! A great deal of water has run under the bridge since then. The moving finger has written many a page. In October 1882 the present edifice, designated Christ Church, Anglican, was formally opened for services. It was a service of great pride and realization to the members of the congregation as well as other citizens of the town adding civic importance to the then growing community.



J. L. Englehart

To whose generosity is due the magnificent set of chimes and the liberal endowments for rector and chimier.

The first brick church: It was an incentive for other denominations to follow and their aspirations were also fully realized for today each denomination in Petrolia has a fully equipped and beautiful brick place of worship.

Sixty years ago! I recall, as a school girl, I and others, would wend our way over to the corner and watch with glowing interested eyes the building up of "our church." First the cellar, then the laying of the foundation stone, then the main structure, then the tall steeple topped with the Anglican cross. At last everything was ready within the edifice and the day of the first service was a memorable one—how few are left who at that time entered "within its gates." Miss Cooley was for many years the efficient organist and with Mr. C. Jenkins, choir director, and a choir of about forty-five voices singing the beautiful services of the Church of England, it was indeed an inspiration and made a lasting impression upon the developing life of the younger generation.

There were many fine men and women, who gathered to worship in those days.

I remember Mrs. J. H. Fairbank, (who made it possible for the erection of the present edifice) active in charitable works — diligent and most just. I recall the past rectors with a great deal of happiness, but foremost and the one who labored the longest amongst us, was Rev. William Craig (afterwards Canon). For 20 years he dwelt a "Shepherd of the flock," and it was during his ministration that a great deal was done to embellish and beautify the services of the church. Dignified, devout and firm as a rock in his convictions he build up and sent forth a band of Anglicans, who ever concede it a wonderful privilege to have had him for their spiritual advisor. His church and all it stood for, sacred and secular, was paramount in his life, no digression, no compromise. I recall the services so strictly adhered to—Advent with their preparation; Christmas with its joy; watch night service at the close of the year, so very impressive; Ash Wednesday, with its commination; Good Friday with all the solemnity; Easter with all its gladness, and so all through the church calendar he took us step by step. He prepared us for Confirmation, married us, baptised our babies, again bringing them to Confirmation. He visited us when we were sick, and spoke the last word of committal over our beloved dead. He has passed to his reward and may it be such "as a true servant of God." He taught us to love our church and to stand firm in its doctrine. What a heritage the present and younger generation in the church to-day have and may they ever cherish with grateful hearts



the great blessings that have been passed to them by sincere and generous members of the church. "May its light ne'er turn to darkness."

Perhaps this church is unique in the Diocese by having the bestowal of so many memorials and gifts. As I recall them:

Prayer Book Rest—Mr. and Mrs. W. Hutchcroft.  
Prayer Book—Mr. F. W. Willson.  
Credence Table—Mrs. R. Councer.  
Communion Table—Mr. C. Egan.  
Cross for Table—Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Cary.  
Vases—Canon and Mrs. Craig.  
Vases—Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Fisher.  
Paten—Mrs. C. Egan.  
Pall—Mrs. F. C. Fisher.  
Alms Plate—Mrs. R. Councer.  
Offertory Plate—Miss S. Fraser.  
Offertory Plate—Mr. C. Egan.  
Prayer Desk—Miss H. Jenkins.  
Font—Mr. and Mrs. G. Denham.  
Ewer—Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Fisher and son, Harrison.  
Hymn Boards—Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Cary.  
Lectern—Mr. E. Fletcher and sisters.  
Holy Bible—Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Fisher and son, Harrison.  
White Hangings—Mrs. Fairbank-Ranney.  
Purple Hangings—(the late) Mrs. Harrison Corey.  
Crimson Hangings—Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Cary.  
Green Hangings—Church Women's Association.  
Pipe Organ—Dr. C. O. Fairbank, Mrs. H. Rock.  
Chimes—Mr. J. L. Englehart.  
Memorial Window—Mrs. F. H. Edward, Dr. J. Fowler.  
(This is a beautiful stained glass window in memory of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Fowler.)  
Memorial Window, Dr. C. O. Fairbank—  
By his widow and sons.  
Memorial Window, Bloss P. Corey—  
By his widow and sons.  
Pulpit Light—Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Fisher.  
Cushions for Communion Rail—Mr. & Mrs. F. C. Fisher.  
Private Silver Communion Set—Mr. & Mrs. G. M. Cary.  
Union Jack and Stand—Mr. A. O. Richmond.  
Kitchen Equipment and Linoleum for Parish Hall —  
Mr. Robert Fairbank.  
Cathedral Lanterns for Church—Mr. F. Fitzgerald.

Mr. Craig was deeply anxious to have the church free from debt, so it could be consecrated, and at Easter, 1906,

the mortgage was paid off by Mrs. Harrison Corey and children— and soon after the church was consecrated by the late Bishop Baldwin.

On the walls of the church are several memorial tablets. On the west and east are similar ones, each bearing this inscription: On the west wall: "This tablet is erected by the congregation of Christ Church in memory of Edna Crysler, wife of John H. Fairbank, and to record their appreciation of the gift of the memorial organ from her son and daughter. Christmas 1903." On the east wall: "This tablet is erected by the congregation of Christ Church in memory of Harrison Corey, and to record their appreciation of the memorial gift from his wife and children of the final payments of the debt upon this church. Easter 1906."

These tablets were dedicated in September 1906.

A memorial tablet erected by Mr. C. Egan to his mother and sister.

One to Dr. C. O. Fairbank, erected by his wife and sons is on the west wall.

On the east wall is one to Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Noble, erected by their son, Ernest.

A brass name plate on the pew of the late Charles Jenkins, placed there "in loving memory" by his granddaughter, the late Miss Annett Amys. On the north wall is the war memorial tablet, erected by the congregation, "to the men of the congregation, those who served and those who paid the supreme sacrifice, 1914-1918."

Brass plate on pew of F. W. Mulligan, M. D., placed there by his widow and daughters.

Brass plate on pew of Ernest Preston, in loving memory, by his widow.

The seating arrangements were remodelled (under the supervision of Rev. Mr. Craig) in 1907. The centre aisle was installed and the side aisles narrowed. The original church had a tall steeple on the tower which was removed when the chimes were installed and the present tower built up. There are eleven bells. These were consecrated and the three largest ones named Faith, Hope and Charity. The largest one is Charity. A straight flight of steps originally led to the main door. Mr. Englehart had these altered to the present design at the time the chimes were installed in 1910.

The present fine rectory was built during the ministration of Rev. W. Craig and the Easter of 1903 also saw the debt on this reduced considerably by a generous gift from the late Mrs. G. Moncrieff.

So on and on runs the thread of memory like a golden cord binding us to the past on this the sixtieth anniversary of Christ Church, 1882-1942.



## Faithful Workers

The Booklet Committee realize that there are a great number of earnest and faithful church workers, both past and present, who were not in a position financially to give large donations to the church. They gave what was far more important, namely their time to church work and their regular presence at her services. To their devotion we pay homage. They have been a source of comfort and encouragement to their rector and an outstanding example to their lukewarm brethren. They have carried out the words of scripture, "let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven."



## Recent Improvements and Repairs

The following are some of the improvements and repairs made to the church property during the incumbency of the present rector, Rev. W. H. Robarts.

Payment of \$520.00 on the floating debt.  
Placing supporting rods across nave of church.  
Building a church parlor, filling a long felt want.  
Re-leading and repairing church windows.  
New cement walk in front of building.  
Rewiring and installation of new lights.  
Rebuilding of parish hall platform & stage equipment.  
Installing of new stoker. New chimney on rectory.  
Redecorating kitchen of church and parish hall.  
Rear building at rectory replaced.  
Septic tank constructed.  
Most of rooms at rectory redecorated.

The above represents an expenditure of over \$3,000, all of which has been paid for except a balance still owing on the stoker.



**The Late Edna Crysler Fairbank**  
Who made possible the erection of the present church.



## Reminiscences

Mrs. Huron Rock of Santa Barbara, Calif., known to her friends in the early days as May Fairbank, wrote to the committee very touching and interesting reminiscences of her mother (Mrs. J. H. Fairbank) and her early impressions of the then new Christ Church. To quote part of her letter:

"When I was very young, across the street from our house was a young apple orchard and beyond the orchard stood our church. One moonlight night after an illness, being wakeful, I lay looking across this apple orchard to the church beyond, her spire reaching up towards the stars. The thought came to me then how like a tender mother the church seemed in our lives; how she received us into her arms and blessed us as babies, ministered to us throughout the passing years in our joys and sorrows, in her services and sacraments, and at the last stood beside the open grave or crypt, pointing upward."

"My Mother used to say, 'My whole life is a prayer.' Christ Church, Petrolia, is an outward form and memorial in brick, mortar and stained glass of that life and prayer. This church is the realization of her dreams and the result of her devotion, work and enthusiasm, and to the work and devotion of those who carried on after her. In her name I wish to join with the members of her family in Petrolia in thanking you.



## Pictorial Record

Photographs of the following are hung in the church vestibule and vestry:

Archbishop Williams.  
Canon Craig.  
Canon Hill.

Ven. Archdeacon R. McCosh.  
Rev. R. C. Pitts.  
Charles Jenkins, Esq.

Photographs of other former Rectors solicited.

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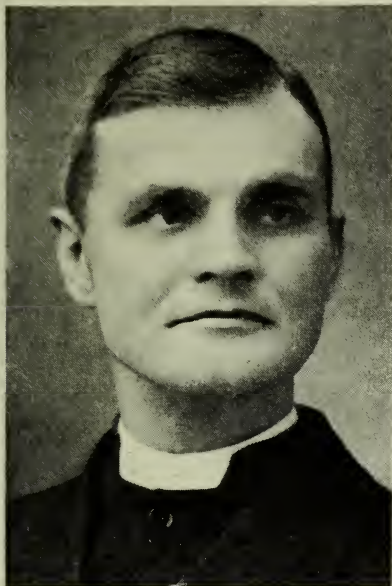


RAMSAY'S MARKETS

# A Message

## From the Present Rector

I heartily endorse and truly appreciate the production of this excellently arranged **Souvenir Booklet** as one of the means to worthily celebrate the **Sixtieth Anniversary** of the opening of our present beautiful edifice for worship of Almighty God, in October of the year of our Lord 1882.



Rev. Wilfred H. Robarts, Rector

Much credit must be given to the members of the committee (Mrs. F.C. Fisher, Messrs. R. A. S. Nash and G. M. Cary) who have labored long, carefully and diligently in the preparation of this very fine memento of this memorable occasion. This I do, with a full understanding of the thought and labor which such an undertaking entails.

I know it will be passed on to friends now away from the Old Church in person but still very near in spirit, and no one within the parish to-day will be without a copy for themselves and their households. The small nominal charge for such an elaborate and expensive brochure is made possible by the generous cooperation of the business men of our town who have placed their advertisements on these pages.

This one great fact will remain in our memory, that although the 60th anniversary occurred during the second **Great World War** with its exceptional responsibilities and trials, our present membership carried on. We realized that it was too important an occasion to be passed by without a proper acknowledgement of Almighty God for His blessing throughout the sixty years of religious services in the present Church, bequeathed to us by the faith and labor of your forefathers in their generation.

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I know our prayers will be filled with an earnest plea that God, our Heavenly Father, will continue to bless us as we endeavor to maintain and leave behind us the same opportunity of common worship, which we have enjoyed, to the generations that are to follow.

May God's will "be done on earth as it is in Heaven."

Yours faithfully,

WILFRED H. ROBERTS.



## Christ Church Officers

1942 Vestry

Rector	-	The Reverend Wilfred H. Roberts, Rural Dean
Diocesan Lay Reader	- - - - -	William Hale
Church Wardens	- - -	A. O. Sulston, R. A. S. Nash
Lay Delegates to Synod	- -	R. A. S. Nash, G. M. Cary
Vestry Clerk	- - - - -	H. B. Newton
Envelope Secretary	- - - - -	Mrs. A. O. Sulston
Convener of Sidesmen	- - - - -	Percy Parker
Choir Leader and Organist	- - -	Miss B. Macalpine
Sunday School Superintendent	- -	William Knight
Secretary of One-Cent-a-Meal Boxes	-	Miss Mabel Jones
Sexton	- - - - -	Frank Ringwood

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# Historic Record

Extract from Minutes of Vestry Meeting, Easter 1906

Moved by J. H. Fairbank, seconded by C. A. Jones:

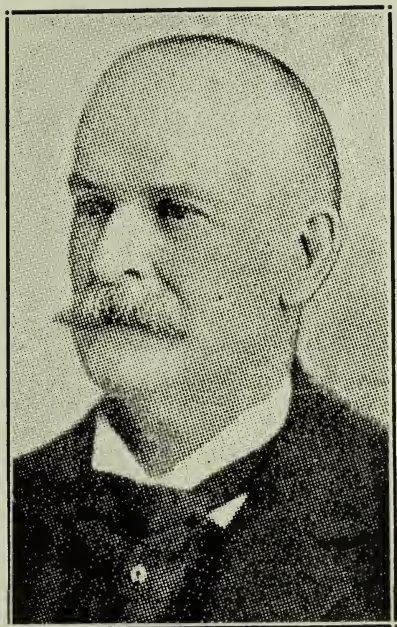
To Mrs. Harrison Corey and her children:

Dear Friends:

It is with marked sentiment, pride gratitude and sympathy in, to and for you that we have received your munificent gift to our church as a memorial of your affection for your father and husband — our beloved townsman, neighbor and brother — Harrison Corey.

It is a gift which removes from our church a debt with which it has long struggled.

Please accept our sincere wish for your health and happiness. May your sentiments towards our town ever contain the warmth that clusters around the word 'home.' May heaven's richest blessing be ever present with you all. —Carried.



The Late Harrison Corey

At the same meeting it was moved by Chas. Egan, seconded by G. S. Pitkin, that as this congregation has been the recipient of two handsome memorial gifts — a pipe organ, donated in memory of the late Mrs. Fairbank, and the payment of the debt, \$1,500, on the church by Mrs. Corey and family, in memory of the late H. Corey; brass tablets be erected to the memory respectively of Mrs. Fairbank and Mr. Corey, as expressions of the appreciation of the congregation. Carried.

# The Choir

Any history of Christ Church or the choir would be incomplete if it did not mention the faithful and efficient services of Miss B. Macalpine.

Familiarly known to her friends as "Bert," she has presided at the organ ever since its installation, with the exception of a year or two interregnum. Even before the present organ was built she played the little reed organ for some years during the rectorship of the late Rev. Mr. McCosh. In addition she has latterly assumed the position of choir leader.

The first choir leader was the late Charles Jenkins, then Mr. Yeates, who was succeeded by the late W. F. Cooper, who in turn was followed by the late Charles Jones. The latter continued in this position till his death some six years ago.

Since then Miss Macalpine has been in charge. The choir has attained a high degree of efficiency and contains



The Choir of 1942

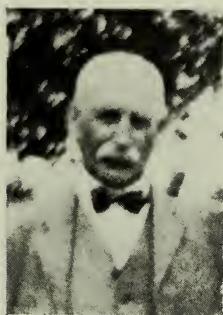
FRONT ROW—Choristers, reading from left to right—Ronnie Egan, John Josh, Jordan Edward, Sydney Ringwood, Harrison Corey, Bruce Maginn, Ronnie Chivers.

BACK ROW—Frank Bolton, Wm. Prevett, jr., H. F. Winter, Wm. Hale, Miss Nellie Sinclair, Mrs. H. Parker, Mrs. Percy Parker, Miss Helen Tobias, Miss Elaine Parker, Miss Jean Burgis, Miss Olive Gillespie, Mrs. J. A. Chivers, Miss Mary Lee Edward, Miss Marie Knight. Among the more prominent members who are not shown are Miss Macalpine, organist, and Mrs. Wm. Prevett.



several gifted solo singers, among whom may be mentioned Mrs. Wm. Prevett, Jr., Mrs. Percy Parker, Miss Elaine Parker, and Messrs. H. Winter, Wm. Hale and Frank Bolton. Conspicuous for regular attendance and long service are Miss N. Sinclair and Mr. H. Winter.

At present the choir is almost depleted of its male voices owing to the enlistment of many of the men. The boy mem-



**The Late Chas. A. Jones**  
Choir master and S.S.  
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years.

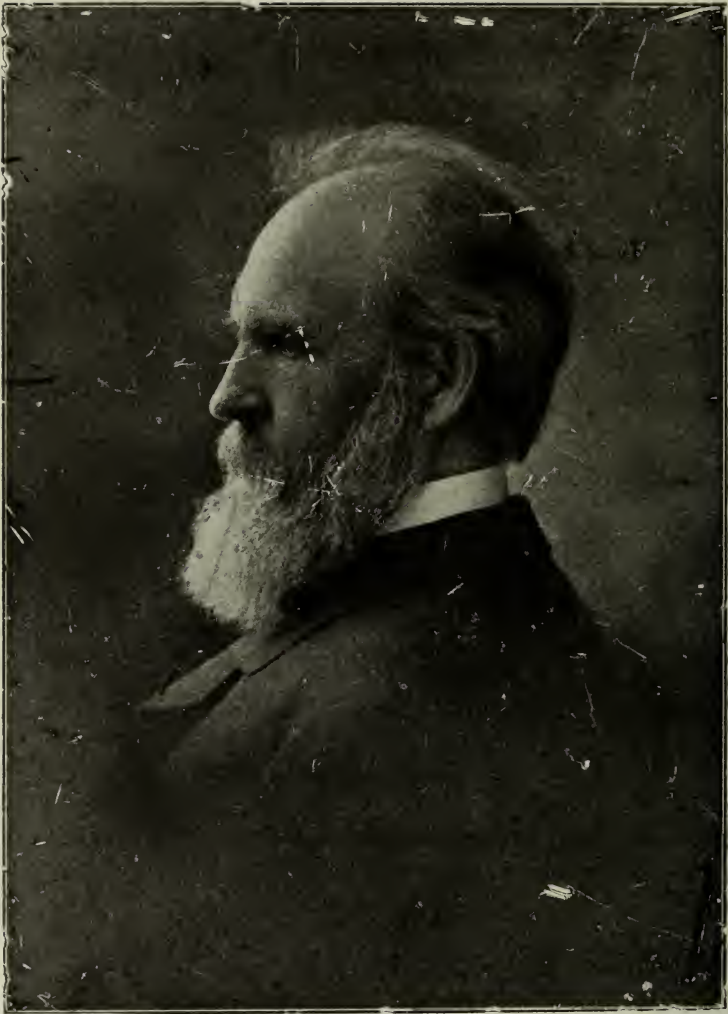


**Miss Ella Cooley**

First organist of the church and first president of Guild, and who occupies a notable place in the present celebration.

bers are a feature and their regular attendance is remarkable. Each summer an outing is arranged for them and they spend one or two weeks camping at the lake.

On the great festivals of the church the service is fully choral and many compliments have been paid the choir by outside churchmen on its excellent rendition of the special music for these occasions.



The Late J. H. Fairbank

# Our Organizations

## THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

From the earliest days of the church the Sunday School has been one of the most vital and important branches, and through the ensuing years many children have become members of the church, due to the careful training of the splendid teachers and officers of the Sunday School, who have and are ever willing to serve in this vineyard of the Lord. Among the outstanding past superintendents were Mr. John D. Noble and Mr. Chas. Jones.

The present officers of the Sunday School are Mr. Wm. J. Knight, superintendent; Mr. F. Bolton, secretary; Mrs. H. F. McDougall, treasurer; Mr. Pemberton Cary, pianist; Mrs. J. C. Monteith, Mrs. John Rider, Mrs. D. Stothers, Mrs. Mae Rainsberry, Mrs. Wm. Taylor, Mrs. Artiss, teachers.



Young Ladies' Guild of 1889 under Rev. R. McCosh

BACK ROW (left to right)—Alice Downing, Jennie Corey, and Jennie Ford.

SECOND ROW (standing)—Henrietta Jenkins, Rachel Lowrey, Elizabeth McCort, Bertha Bird, Annie McCort, and Maude Ward.

THIRD ROW (seated)—Lettie McCallum, Alice Corey, Margaret Bird, Primrose McMillan, Ella Cooley (first president), Edith Fletcher, and Charlotte (Minnie) Thompson.

FRONT ROW—Emma Lowrey, Alice Hyde, Laura Dawson, May Fairbank.

## THE GUILD

For many years the work of the Parish was carried on by the Church Women's Association, composed of the married women of the congregation. As time passed there developed a great need for some source of activity for the young women. This was met by the then Rector, Rev. R. McCosh, who organized the Young Ladies' Guild in 1889, with Miss Ella Cooley as president, and a few years ago the C. W. A. and Guild were amalgamated into the present Guild with afternoon and evening branches.

Present officers of the Evening Guild: Mrs. R. G. R. Mackenzie, president; Mrs. Ray Donald and Mrs. A. O. Sulston, vice-presidents; Mrs. J. C. Thornton, treasurer; Mrs. D. Stothers, secretary.

Afternoon Guild: Mrs. W. O. Gillespie, president; Mrs. A. H. Rose, vice-president; Mrs. Warren Balls, sec'y-treas.



## WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

The missionary work of the church is ably carried on by the Women's Auxiliary, a band of unselfish and interested workers who through the years have striven to fulfill their motto: "The Love of Christ constraineth me."

The present officers are: Mrs. W. H. Robarts, president; Mrs. P. J. Dodds, vice-president; Mrs. Warren Balls, treasurer; Mrs. J. C. Monteith, secretary.

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## YOUNG LADIES' CHANCEL GUILD

The Young Ladies' Chancel Guild, under the organization and guidance of Rev. W. H. Robarts, are fulfilling a most important service with their loving care and attention. Mrs. J. Rider (Jr.) is president; Mrs. P. H. Parker, vice-president; Miss Elsie Rose, treasurer, Miss Louise Weatherstone, secretary.



## THE A. Y. P. A.

The A. Y. P. A. has been one of the most active and outstanding branches of our parish, and it is due to their efforts we have the church parlor, a long felt want, and much appreciated.



**Christ Church Rectory**  
Built during ministration of the late Canon Craig.

# The Official Programme



## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 1942

8.30 A.M.—Celebration of Holy Communion.

11.00 A.M.—The Rector, Rev. W. H. Robarts, will conduct the service. Subject of sermon: "Confirmation in the Parish for the Past 60 Years."

7.00 P.M.—The Bishop, Right Reverend C.A. Seager, D.D., will formally open the 60th anniversary celebrations and administer the Rite of Confirmation.

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## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25

8.30 A.M.—Celebration of Holy Communion.

11.00 A.M.—The Very Reverend Dean P. N. Harding, D.D., Dean of Huron Diocese and Rector of St. Paul's Cathedral, London, will be the guest preacher.

7.00 P.M.—Final concluding Evensong of the celebration. Sermon by Dean P. N. Harding, D.D.

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## MONDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 26

On this evening a concluding Social Evening is arranged so that our whole congregation and their friends can enjoy a social get-together as we conclude the celebration of the Diamond Jubilee of Christ Church, Petrolia.

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